
 <p style="text-align: center;">Koala Class Mrs Andreadou</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Wolves Class Mrs Cobbe & Mrs Gentle</p>
<p>What a fantastic year we have had, so far. The children have settled into Year 5 well and have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Industrious Victorians' topic. We hope you have a great Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in 2025! A copy of the letter and other information will be posted on the school website.</p>	
<p>Exciting things the children will be learning in the Spring term... During Spring term our overarching topic will be World War Two (WWII), during which we will be learning about the geography of Europe. We will also look at how rationing and evacuation affected people's lives and consider the role of women in the war effort (including the Land Girls). Our key texts for this term are <i>Letters from the Lighthouse</i> by Emma Carroll and <i>Goodnight Mr Tom</i> by Michelle Magorian. These will link to our English work, where we will be writing fictional accounts of being an evacuee and, later in the term, writing our own persuasive speeches based on Winston Churchill's <i>The Finest Hour</i> speech. We will also study some war poetry. For Mathematics, the first half term will be focussing on multiplication and division. This will include work on multiples and factors, prime numbers and written methods for multiplying and dividing. During the second half term, we will be focusing on time and measures, including conversions, area, perimeter and volume. Our Art is linked to our topic with a focus on Propaganda posters. In Science we are learning about classification, life cycles and reproduction in both animals and plants. We usually finish our term with a "VE day street party" for which we dress in WWII clothing. More information can be found by accessing the Curriculum Captures</p>	
<p>Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time Mrs Cobbe & Mrs Andreadou will continue to have PPA time on a Wednesday, covered by Mrs Page and Mrs Seymour.</p>	<p>SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS 8.40am – Children can come into school via the Link door by the KS2 play equipment. The doors will close at 9:00, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in. 10.30 – 10:45 – Breaktime 12.40 – 1.25 – Lunchtime 3.15 – End of the school day</p>
<p>If you would like you child to walk home on their own after school, OR walk to another part of the site on their own, then you will need to send written permission for them to do this. See this link</p>	
<p>PE Outdoor PE: Monday; Indoor PE: Thursday & Friday Children should have a PE kit consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a house colour T-shirt without buttons, • dark plain shorts, • jogging bottoms, • a jumper and • a change of shoes for outdoors. <p>No jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised. We ask that all PE kits are kept in a drawstring bag and are left in school. We send home PE kits at the end of each half term for washing during holiday time. Please label everything!</p>	
<p>BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.</p>	



We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the school website – About Us/School Policies

HOME LEARNING

This year we would like all children to focus on reading for their home learning. There are so many ways that you could do this such as sharing a book together or reading to your child. In our experience, many children tend to lose some of their good reading habits during time away from school and this can set back their progress. As we need to be able to read to access nearly all other subjects, we really want all our children to retain the skills they have worked so hard to achieve this year. If you would like to see which books have Accelerated Reader quizzes, you can check using this [website](#). They can then quiz these on their return to school.

Jewellery!

Please can all additional jewellery be left at home. There have been several children wearing necklaces be that in plain sight or underneath clothes – please can these be kept at home thus reducing the risk of necklaces being caught in class/corridors or lost in school especially if they hold sentimental value.

We are continuing to have a difficult time with hooped earrings being worn by some children – can we insist that children wear just studded earrings reducing the risk of earrings being caught accidentally in class/corridors.

COMMUNICATION

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child’s class teacher. Contacting us by email is always the best way as teachers are very busy before and after school, and if we know that you would like to meet with one of us, we can put some time aside on an evening when we don’t have meetings. All the teachers’ email addresses are provided for you below.

Ways we can communicate:

School/team letters – where possible we would like to send all letters via email.

Website – We hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included please let us know.

Email – you can send emails to your child’s class teacher or team leader (Mr Smith). The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office.

Koalas Class – Mrs Andreadou - kandreadou@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Wolves Class - Mrs Cobbe – jcobbe@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Wolves Class - Mrs Gentle – kgentle@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Team Leader – Mr Smith - dsmith@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Appointments – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher please contact them via email to arrange a suitable time.

<u>January</u>	
Monday 6 th	Training Day
Tuesday 7 th	Spring Term Opens
Monday 13 th – Friday 24 th	SEND Parents Meetings
Wednesday 29 th	Year 4 Assembly

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Year 5 Team Letter
End Autumn - Spring 2024-25



Thursday 30 th	Year 4 Assembly
<u>February</u>	
Wednesday 12 th – Thursday 13 th	Open Classrooms
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Half Term
<u>March</u>	
Wednesday 5 th	Year 3 Assembly
Thursday 6 th	Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th	Year 5 Grafham Water Trip
Wednesday 19 th – Thursday 20 th	Parents Evenings
Thursday 20 th – Friday 21 st	Year 3 Thorpe Woodlands Trip
Wednesday 26 th – Thursday 27 th	Year 5 Assembly
<u>April</u>	
Friday 4 th	Spring Term closes
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd	Training Day
Wednesday 23 rd	Summer Term Opens
Monday 28 th – Friday 2 nd	Sporting Fund Raiser
Monday 28 th – Friday 9 th	SEND Parents Meetings